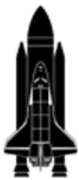


Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001

**Debris cleared from Russian supply craft; Endeavour cleared to launch at 5:45 p.m. today**



**Annual holiday coffee for employees being held Dec. 11 at KSC Visitor Complex**



▲ **Mission Update:** The STS-108 mission was rescheduled for today, Dec. 4, at 5:45 p.m. to allow sufficient time for the Expedition Three crew on the Space Station to successfully complete a spacewalk on Monday to clear an obstruction on the latching mechanism on the Russian Progress supply vehicle. It was removed, locks were engaged and Progress was secured at 9:54 a.m. EST, Monday, Dec. 3.

▲ **Holiday Coffee** -- KSC will hold its annual coffee for employees and retirees, Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Dr. Kurt H. Debus Conference facility, KSC Visitor Complex. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Titusville High School Madrigals.

◆ **Holiday Safety:** The approaching holiday season is a festive and pleasant time of year. However, certain practices in decorating and celebrating this occasion create fire hazards. The following policy regarding use of decorations, cooking and Christmas trees at CCAFS and KSC facilities is designed to minimize the chance of fire taking the joy out of our holidays.

- Candles or other open flame devices may not be used as decorations.
- Electric lights and devices may not be used on metal trees or decorations.
- All electric cords, fixtures and devices must bear the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) seal of approval for the environment in which they are used.
- No decorations may be hung around exits, exit lights, fire protection devices or any heat-producing device (including lamps). Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments and decorations must be of the flameproof type and UL approved.

- Office decorations must be limited to tabletop trees, wall wreaths and office doors. No overhead streamers are permitted without the approval of the SGS Fire Prevention. Lobby area decorations must be coordinated with SGS Fire Prevention prior to placement.
- All electric lights and devices are to be unplugged after working hours unless the location is occupied.
- All decorations must be removed no later than 4 p.m. on the first work day within the New Year.
- Indoor food preparation is limited to crock pots, microwaves, toaster ovens and toasters. Preparation by any means that produces a flame or grease-laden vapors is prohibited except in designating cooking areas.
- The use of hallways or blocking of exits for festive meal gatherings is prohibited unless approved by SGS Fire Prevention.

Should additional information be required, please call the Fire Prevention Department at 867-3491.

◆ **Non-Perishables Food Drive Through Dec. 21--** Help re-stock the shelves of the Brevard County Food Banks. If you wish to participate in this drive, non-perishable food items will be collected in the Cafeterias through Dec. 21-- look for the red box. Food will be delivered to the Brevard Sharing Center close of business Dec. 21.

◆ **Did You Know?** Employees who are participating in today's KSC Intercenter Walk/Run at 5 p.m. should arrive 45 minutes before race time to park and check in. Late registration is available. For more information, please call 867-7289, or go to the Web site <http://fitness.ksc.nasa.gov> .★



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